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## Newsletter #7:

### What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

*Hello from beautiful Munich! I hope you all had a nice week.*

Here is what is going on this week in the numismatic world:

#### Numismata 2017 (Munich, Germany)

The Numismata has not disappointed! It continues to be the premier show in Europe for dealers. I've been able to find some very nice coins here that haven't been in recent auctions. Keep your eyes open on my site for some of these beauties. If you ever feel the need to visit Germany in March than I would highly recommend a trip to this trade show. One important thing to note for the Americans is that the European dealers rarely give a deep discount. Don't be offended. It just is the way things are. As a dealer I'm lucky if I can get 10%. That said it is a great place to find exciting coins that don't require a buyer's premium!!

#### Gorny & Mosch (244-247) and Künker (288-291) Germany, March 6-10 and March 13-17

I'm viewing G&M tomorrow so if you see this and still want to bid email me soon. I will have limited access on the day of the auction so last minute bids are not advisable. I think most people have submitted bids to me but just in case....you still have time.

#### Finding a pedigree with Ex-Numis

Many of you know how passionate I feel about pedigreed coins. Not only do they create a more complete picture of previous ownership, but it is a safeguard against stricter cultural property laws. I don't want to set off mass hysteria by saying that the FBI will raid your house for coins but as more MOU's (Memorandum of Understanding) get passed, the date of restriction may be checked by customs agents. MOUs are a minor inconvenience right now but one that we should all be cognizant.

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works. I know from experience since he has found several pedigrees for me. Jonas and Pauline have painstakingly scanned the plates of the old catalogs from the early 1900's and onward. He uses an imaging technique to match pictures of your coins to those in his database of images. It isn't a 100% foolproof but it often produces results. I would highly recommend this service to anyone that wants to see if there is a pedigree for their coins. Jonas can also check coins that you haven't purchased but are interested in buying. You simply need to send a picture of the coin which could easily be taken from Sixbid or Numisbids.

Here is his website: <https://www.ex-numis.com/page/the-idea.html>

### Coin of the Week

The selected coin this week is an obol from Arkadia. Not only is this coin rare, but it may be the nicest one ever in the market. This tiny coin has an expressive and lovely image of Artemis on the obverse. For those interested in fractions it is a delightful piece. It would make a great addition to any collection of Greek coins.

**ARKADIA, Alea. c. 390-370 BC. AR Obol, 0.88g (11.5mm/3h)**

**Head of Artemis right / Bow above AA**

**Pedigree: Ex CNG 82 (16 September 2009), lot 573**

**Price: \$2,750**

Artemis was one of the twelve great gods of Olympus, daughter of Zeus and Leto, and twin sister of Apollo. She was the chaste and virgin goddess of the hunt, who, interestingly enough, was also protector of animals, children, and all the humble and weak entities of the world.

Artemis was thought to roam the wild forests and mountains of Greece with her loyal band of nymphs, and with their aid, would vigorously combat any who dared to intrude on their wilderness home. In literature she was portrayed as a vehement virgin and exacted harsh punishment on those who would seek to violate her chastity. Moreover, she insisted that all of her followers themselves live lives of virginity, and was seen as the great protector of virgins, male and female alike.

As her brother Apollo was considered responsible for swift and sudden but natural death of men, so Artemis was deemed responsible for such death in women. In this regard she became closely associated with Hecate, the witch-goddess, who was also known as Artemis of the Crossroads, and who was closely associated with death.

*References: BCD Peloponnesos 1346 (same rev. die); BCD Peloponnesos II 573 (this coin); HGC 5, 808. Grade: Fine style on good metal. Better than the BCD specimens. Extremely rare.*

If you are interested in this coin, please contact me at [shanna@shannaschmidt.com](mailto:shanna@shannaschmidt.com).

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